

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**  
**No. 06-165V**  
**(Not to be published)**

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LAIRD R. JONES and  
SVITLANA V. BUDZHAK-JONES,  
legal representatives of a  
minor child, W.O.J.,

Petitioners,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES

Respondent.

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Filed: November 24, 2014

Decision on Attorney's  
Fees and Costs

**DECISION (ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS)**

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,<sup>1</sup> I issued a decision on August 20, 2014. On November 21, 2014, the parties filed a joint stipulation of fact concerning attorney's fees and costs in this matter. The parties' stipulation requests a total payment of \$35,087.51, representing attorney's fees and costs for work performed by the law firm of Robert J. Krakow.

I find that this petition was brought in good faith and that there existed a reasonable basis for the claim. Therefore, an award for fees and costs is appropriate, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amount seems reasonable and appropriate. **Accordingly, I hereby award the total \$35,087.51 as a lump sum in the form of a check payable jointly to petitioners and petitioners' counsel, Robert J. Krakow.**

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<sup>1</sup> The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2006).

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.<sup>2</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED**

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.

George L. Hastings, Jr.  
Special Master

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<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.